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In re Appln. of: Kazuo Sugimoto et al.
Appln. No.: 10/810,792
Filed: March 26, 2004
For: VIDEO ENCODING APPARATUS, VIDEO ENCODING METHOD, VIDEO ENCODING PROGRAM, VIDEO DECODING APPARATUS, VIDEO DECODING METHOD AND VIDEO DECODING PROGRAM

Examiner: To Be Assigned
Art Unit: 2631

Attorney Docket No: 9683/180

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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; PTO 1449 along with five (5) cited References; Copy of Office Action.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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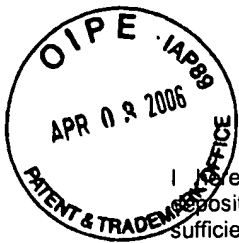
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following references:

US PATENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
US 6,272,177	08/07/2001	Murakami et al.
US 6,167,157	12/26/2000	Sugahara

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OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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Bjontegaard G., "Clarification of "Funny Position"", ITU, STUDY GROUP 16-VIDEO CODING EXPERS GROUP, QUESTION 15, 'Online!', 22 August 2000.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). References B1-B7 were cited in a Search Report issued for the counterpart EPO application. A copy of the Search Report is also enclosed with this Statement. As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

As noted on the first page of the Search Report, the Report was issued on March 1, 2006. For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicant certifies that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign

patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement.

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPLICANT(S): Kazuo Sugimoto et al.	

REFERENCE DESIGNATION

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	B3	EP 1 246 131	10/02/2002	EP		Yes

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.</small>	
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